

REMARKS

In this response, claim 15 has been amended, claims 24-29 have been added, and claim 23 has been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-22 and 24-29 remain pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is hereby requested.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a previous response to a restriction requirement, Applicant had withdrawn claim 23 and elected to proceed with the examination of claims 1-22. In this response, Applicant hereby cancels claim 23. However, Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter claimed in claim 23 in another patent application.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner has rejected claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner asserted that, *inter alia*, "[i]n this case, claim 15 recites 'a computer usable medium' in line 1. ... The so called 'computer usable medium' does not necessarily invoke 'computer readable medium.'" However, the Examiner has noted that Applicant should amend "the claim to embody the program on 'computer readable medium' in order to make the claim statutory."

In response, Applicant has amended claim 15 to embody the program on a "computer readable medium" pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion. Thus applicant respectfully submits that claim 15 is now directed to statutory subject matter, and requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection be withdrawn.

ADDITION OF CLAIMS 24-29

In this amendment, Applicant has added claims 24-29, which are dependant on independent claim 15. Applicant respectfully submits that as claim 15 is now allowable, claims 24-29 are also allowable as they depend therefrom and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

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